

A Powerful Piece of Machinery.

The tariff is a powerful piece of machinery; it sucks from the pockets of the people, directly and "incidentally," probably over a billion of dollars annually. It comes in dribblets, like the waters of the Mississippi, ever flowing in. Of the \$200,000,000 which reaches the Treasury, the process of getting it is simple enough, it is collected at the custom houses. Government has an easy thing of it.—[*American Free Trader*.]

The above silly twaddle is cut from the Detroit Free Press, and is a fair sample of the arguments of the free trade press of the country. In the first place the assertion that one thousand million of revenue are collected by tariff or customs, is so shockingly absurd, and so grossly false that we feel compelled to notice it. The fact is the entire revenue from customs for the past ten years have only averaged one hundred and sixty-five million, instead of one thousand millions. Again it costs less than three per cent to collect it. Instead of eight hundred million it don't cost five million. The cost of collecting the Internal Revenue is always much more than collecting customs, and the reports of the Secretary of the treasury, which are accessible to every body, show the cost to be 3.63 per cent, or less than three and three-fourths per cent.

Now the American Free Trader, and the Detroit Free Press, both know that the statement made by the first, and copied by the latter, is false, basely false, and the only purpose they have in publishing such stuff is to afford capital to just such knaves as themselves, only of a lighter calibre, to rehash to the fools that can't read a newspaper, unless perhaps they make these statements upon estimates of what the cost of collection would be under Democratic administration.

Fortunately we have an illustration of Democratic economy in the government of the city of New York. The officers of that city raise annually more than twice as much money in salaries, say nothing of fees, than the President, both Houses of Congress, the Cabinet, the Supreme Court, the head and assistants of all the departments put together. It costs more to run the city of New York than it does the United States army and navy, and yet they ask the people to place the administration of the affairs of the Government in their hands, that they may inaugurate economy and reform.

Reflections.

For the TRIBUNE.

We are all looking at life through different colored lens, and from different attitudes or positions, so that we see but one side of the situation, or person, or circumstance; and are too apt to judge by this partial view, and form opinions that we find after more extended observation are quite, or partially imperfect and erroneous. How true it is that we "look through a glass darkly," and should learn to be wary, and careful and lenient, in all our intercourse and dealings, with events or persons.

We cannot live to ourselves alone, nor can we boast of independence of this or that person, or calling. We are all dependent in one sense or another, on our neighbors, our friends, and society generally, for aid, for sympathy, or patronage; and it behooves us to be kind, forgiving, and polite, and considerate to all, and to study the art of courtesy and affability. We are bound together by an infinite and intricate web of ties, obligations, and dependencies, and can no more extricate ourselves from them, than could Gulliver from the army of Lilliputians.

Let us then calmly accept of the situation, walk as circumspectly as we know how; do our duty as far as we can, without attempting to ignore, or deny, move on serenely and leave our conduct to the mercy and judgment of the world. If we struggle ever so bravely, we never can please and edify all, some will admire, where others disapprove, looking from their different stand points or through magnifying or colored glasses. And whatever we do let us not imagine this or that, or the other one, are so much more favored, or better off than we are. Things may show very fair on the surface, and excite our envy; but we cannot see behind the curtain, or in the closets. There, may be grim skeletons we little dream of; and we would be very loth to change our humble and secure lot for their seemingly exalted and happy position. While we aim high and do our best, it is wise to be contented, cheerful, and hopeful of the future.

VERITAS.

Next Wednesday Evening.

At the Town Hall Mrs Belle Bigelow, will show the magic powers of the human voice in elecutinary accomplishment. This lady is highly praised by the press, her entertainments give satisfied pleasure, and A. J. Paddock who has several times heard Mrs Bigelow declares her to be perfect in her renditions. The following is the

PROGRAMME.

The Exile of the Arcadians—Longfellow.
Tom's Little Star—Foster.
Guilty or not Guilty—Anon.
Courtship under difficulties—Anon.
The Home Concert—Yates.
The Hay Fever—A victim.
The Leaden Cross—Anon.
The Senator Entangled—Dierack.
The Fourth of July at Jonesville—By Josiah Allen's wife.

LIME

Two cars fresh burned Potoksky lime just received at McArthur's dock. It is conceded by all master masons that this lime is stronger and will go further than any lime in this market.

The Miss Johns are prepared to do dress and cloak making at their residence on Mackinaw street, near F. C. McDonald's residence, or out by the day.

GET -:- RICH!

People are figuring in that direction in the present age, and tax their brains to the utmost in planning the different methods by which they can accomplish this one ideal object.

ECONOMY

They find it is one of the most important points in the question, it has formed the basis of the wealth of many. So take heed and do not overlook this great principle.

BEGIN - WITH - CLOTHING!

You all want SUBSTANTIAL and BEAUTIFUL GOODS, and at the same time it is your privilege to buy where they can be purchased for the least money.

Let Us Show You Where to Come in Order to Carry Out the Above.

Our GREAT CLOTHING SALE is convincing the people that we have taken the lead in the Clothing Trade in Cheboygan for the least money.

Spring Styles in STIFF AND SOFT HATS! All the New Shapes!

Also a New and Full Stock of

White and Colored Shirts, Trunks and Valises.

These goods have just been received and comprise some of the most stylish goods ever shown in Cheboygan. At the

STAR - CLOTHING - HOUSE.
RINDSKOFF BROS.

WAIT, WAIT!

FOR THE GREAT

Bankrupt Slaughter Sale
OF

CLOTHING! CLOTHING!

\$25,000 Worth of Ready Made Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Goods,

From the Late Failure of Brewster & Smith, of Philadelphia,
Must be sold within 10 Days.

The Greatest Smash in Overcoats and Suits ever heard of.

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS!

Way below cost. Prepare yourselves for the Grand Opening, which which will take place on

Saturday, April 19th, 1884,

At Farrall Block, next to H. J. A. Todd's. In order to enable everybody to buy quick we will have all our goods marked in plain figures, and only one price to all.